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Artrain USA Announces 2007 Fall Tour

Last Leg of the Four Year Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture National Tour

Ann Arbor, MI – Artrain USA, America’s Hometown Art Museum, will tour its award winning exhibition *Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture* to 12 communities in seven states this fall. This will be the final segment of the four-year *Native Views* tour. Scheduled to leave its national headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 17th, Artrain USA’s first stop will be Logansport, Indiana. Each community along the tour will host general public days and pre-scheduled educational tours. Please call 734-747-8300 for more information and specific hours. Tour dates are as follows:

City & State	Host	Dates
Logansport, IN	Cass County Arts Council	August 23 to 27
Iron Mountain, MI	Dickinson County Arts Council	September 10 to 16
Green Bay, WI	Titletown Brewing Company	September 19 to 23
Ladysmith, WI	Flambeau Valley Arts Association	September 26 to 30
Beloit, WI	Beloit College & Logan Museum	October 4 to 9
Monticello, IL	City of Monticello	October 17 to 21
Clarksdale, MS	Mississippi Delta Railway	October 30 to November 4
Meridian, MS	Meridian Council for the Arts	November 7 to 11
Springfield, MO	Commercial Club of Springfield	November 15 to 19
Oklahoma City, OK	American Indian Cultural Center	November 25 to 28
Norman, OK	Norman Arts Council	November 30 to December 4
Duncan, OK	Chisholm Trail Heritage Association	December 7 to 11

“What a way to wrap up the *Native Views* exhibition tour!” exclaimed Debra Polich, president/CEO of Artrain USA. “These last twelve cities have worked for months preparing for the arrival of their “hometown art museum.” We cannot wait to bring this wonderful collection of contemporary Native American art and our educational programs into each of these communities,

Native Views is a contemporary Native American art exhibition. Exhibition curator Joanna Bigfeather selected of 70 artworks by 53 Native American artists that explore the influence of popular culture and the many commonalities shared by all Americans. Visitors discover the richness, complexity and breadth of contemporary Native American art while examining varying perspectives on society. Named an *American Masterpiece* project by the National

Endowment of the Arts in 2006, *Native Views* was launched in 2004 and has reached 150,000 people in 86 cities across the United States.

A nonprofit organization, Artrain USA's mission is to *enrich lives and build communities through the arts*. An art museum housed in vintage rail cars that travels via the nation's railroads, Artrain USA brings world class art exhibitions and art education programs to communities and their residents and delivers exceptional opportunities for learning, growth and art appreciation while encouraging the development of local cultural programs and organizations. Artrain USA received the 2006 *National Service Award for Museums* by the Institute of Museum and Library Service. Since its founding in 1971, more than 3.2 million people have visited Artrain USA during more than 83 community visits across the nation.

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- **More information** can be found at www.ArtrainUSA.org or by calling 734-747-8300
- **To schedule interviews** with Artrain USA president/CEO Debra Polich, exhibition curator Joanna Bigfeather or exhibition artists, please call 734-747-8300.
- **Photos** are available at artrainusa.org/artrainusa-images.asp
- **Video** is available at www.artrainusa.org/downloads/psa/introsmall.wmv

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